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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action Summary mailed on October 18, 2004, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

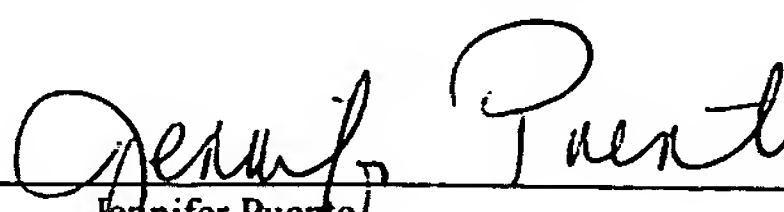
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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